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TITLE OF INVENTION

PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A NAPHTHYRIDINE CARBOXYLIC ACID
DERIVATIVE (METHANESULFONATE SESQUIHYDRATE)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action on the merits, the Applicants request entry of the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 6, 7, and 8 to read as follows:

A1
4. (Once Amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein the ratio of water miscible cosolvent : water is in the range ~~10:1~~ to 1:2 v/v.

M2
6. (Once Amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein the ratio of 7-(3-aminomethyl-4-syn-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid : solvent is up to 1:100 w/v.

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7. (Once Amended) A process according to claim 1 which uses from 0.7 to 1.5 mole equivalents of methanesulfonic acid.

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